

AMENDED CLAIMS

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(30.03.05); the original claim 2 has been amended]

- 5 1. A process for the preparation of a particle
composed of a coprecipitate applied as a layer
around a neutral hydrophilic carrier by spraying
an organic solution over said neutral hydrophilic
10 carrier, said solution comprising at least one
active substance, one surface-active agent and one
hydrophilic polymer, characterized in that the
spraying of the whole of the solution is carried
out in at least two separate stages, each of these
15 stages being followed systematically by a stage of
milling the product obtained on conclusion of the
preceding stage.
2. The process for the preparation of the particles
as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that it
20 comprises the following stages:
a) preparing an organic solution comprising the
active substance, the hydrophilic polymer and
the surface-active agent,
b) spraying a portion of the solution obtained in
25 a) over the neutral hydrophilic carriers,
c) milling the particles obtained in stage b),
d) spraying the remaining amount of the organic
solution over the particles milled in stage c),
and
30 e) final milling of the particles obtained in
stage d).
3. The process for the preparation of the particles
as claimed in either one of claims 1 and 2,
35 characterized in that the spraying/milling
sequence (stages b to d) is repeated one or more
times.

4. The process for the preparation of the particles
as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 3,
characterized in that it additionally comprises a
5 drying stage either after each spraying stage,
before milling, or immediately after the milling.

